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STATE OF ILLINOIS  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: December 15, 1971

MEMO TO: Director William L. Blaser

FROM: C. E. Clark

SUBJECT: ST. CLAIR COUNTY - Land Pollution Control  
Sauget/Sauget and Company

This is in reference to your memorandum of December 1, 1971, regarding complaints of a dump operated by Monsanto.

Very briefly, Monsanto owns or controls property adjacent to the subject landfill which is covered to a depth of 20 feet or more with cinders from the Union Electric generating station. For several years this has been a depository for millions of gallons per year of various high strength liquid wastes generated by the Company, as well as various exotic chemical wastes from their laboratory. The operation is supervised by Sauget and Company. I tried to stop or control this operation in 1967, but it was taken from my supervision and put under the Sanitary Water Board. Additional details are contained in the attached memorandum.

Since Sauget and Company operated both sites, I combined them in the case I filed against Sauget and Company. The Board did not take action against the Monsanto site, except to require that they provide a report on the operation. This was forwarded to the Agency before the deadline, and was referred to the Land and Water Divisions for comment. The attached memo previously cited, is my reply. To the best of my knowledge, the matter has not been referred back to the Board, nor received any other attention, except that an attempt was made to bring the matter into the Monsanto Variance hearing, with considerable protest from the Company. Since a ruling has not been made, I cannot evaluate the success of the attempt.

The matter is now (and has been since the date of my memo) at a point beyond which we cannot proceed without assistance from the Board in requiring addition test wells, properly located and installed. As far as I am concerned, I believe that this case constitutes a flagrant violation of the Act with full knowledge of the perpetrators, and admitted in their report, copy attached, with regard to the increase in phenol content in the test wells. I am deeply disturbed that some action has not been taken since my memorandum was filed on July 20, 1971, and have made numerous inquiries to the Division of Legal Services with no apparent results.

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Your serious consideration of this case and its implications are urgently requested, since this involves one of the most, if not the most productive and heavily pumped aquifer in the State. It has been so seriously abused throughout the County that it is questionable how much longer it will be useable, a point which we give serious consideration every time a landfill is proposed in that area.

C. E. Clark, Manager  
Division of Land Pollution Control

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Attachment

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